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School at Pancevo

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1. The 5 KNOJ Division maintains a non-commissioned officer training school at Pancevo, which is known as the "Podoficirski, Kurs 5 Divizije - KNOJ - A". Students are drawn from various units of 5 KNOJ Division, and after a six months course are returned to their original units as fully trained non-commissioned officers. All instructors are members of the same Division who are given a preliminary one year course at the Military Academy Belgrade.
2. The school is housed in a villa at Pancevo, which until 1945, was used as a Soviet Military Hospital. The building stands in walled off grounds of about 500 square meters, just off Ulica Marshal Malinovski, about 1/2 km., east of the center of the town.
3. Each course is attended by between 150 and 160 students, who are divided into three platoons on arrival at the school. At the end of the first two or three months it is customary to promote about sixty of the more promising students to the rank of Mladji Vodnik. At the end of the course the remainder are promoted to this rank, and it is of interest to note that however poor a student proves to be, he is never failed. Special attention, however, is given to any student who fails an examination, in order to bring him up to the required standard.
4. The permanent staff of the school consists of 12 officers (eight military and four political commissars), and 14 enlisted men as detailed below:

Officers

Officer in command Captain Gojko Surlan  
Lieutenant Lekic (fnu) - formerly an officer of the  
Royal Yugoslav Army

Chief Instructor (Military) Lieutenant Ivan Kuhar

Instructor (Military) Second Lieutenant Ljubomir Radanu  
Instructor (Military) Second Lieutenant Milvoje Radonic  
Instructor (Military) Second Lieutenant Jovo Micic  
Instructor (Military) Ensign Alexander Rankovic  
Instructor (Military) Ensign Ljubo Jovancic

Chief Instructor (Political) Lieutenant Pietro Sulnic

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Instructor (Political) Second Lieutenant Alexander Gruic  
Instructor (Political) Second Lieutenant Nicola Petrovic  
Instructor (Political) Second Lieutenant Vido Verc

Enlisted men

Six disciplinary Sgts (two to each platoon)  
One sergeant storeman  
Two corporal clerks  
Three private cooks  
Two Privates for guard duties

5. Training in the following military subjects is included in the course:

- a. Foot and arms drill.
- b. Weapon training. This is very thorough, and includes instruction on numerous Soviet and German infantry weapons.
- c. Field firing exercises carried out on a 500 yard range.
- d. Elementary signals and line procedure.
- e. Trench digging and fortification construction, both theoretical and practical.
- f. Anti-gas training - this includes anti-gas precautions in general, and prophylactic measures for all types of liquid and asphyxiating gases. Each student is equipped with one Soviet type respirator, but there is a shortage of anti-gas capes, and other types of protective clothing.
- g. Elementary unit discipline and administrative procedure.
- h. The art of instructing, and power of command.
- i. Guard and ceremonial drill.

6. The following subjects are taught as political instruction:

- a. General instruction and explanation of the Five Year Plan.
- b. Current events, extracted from Communist newspapers, and suitably supplemented by anti-capitalist doctrine.
- c. Explanation of the nationalization of private industries.
- d. Explanation of the price control policy.
- e. Yugoslav economy, including brief details of the economy of neighboring countries.
- f. Home industries.
- g. The history, theory, and practice of Communism.
- h. Any special briefs issued by the political commissar branch of the Divisional Headquarters.

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